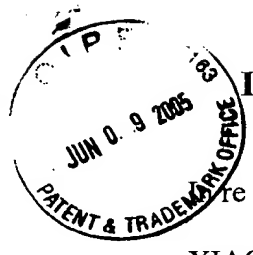


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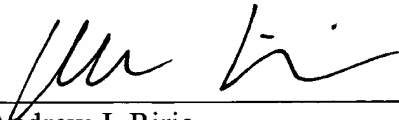
NOTICE OF APPEAL AFTER FINAL REJECTION

A final Office action was issued on January 14, 2005 ("the Office action"). In response thereto, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.191, applicant hereby appeals the rejection of each of claims 1-16. The fee of \$500 for this Notice of Appeal under 37 C.F.R. § 41.20(b)(1) may be charged to the undersigned's deposit account no. 03-1129.

The Office action set a shortened statutory three month period for reply expiring on April 14, 2005. A petition for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) accompanies this response. The petition requests a two month extension of the period for

reply from April 14, 2005 to June 14, 2005. The fee for the extension of time should be withdrawn from the undersigned's deposit account no. 03-1129.

Respectfully submitted,

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